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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 6235

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR JA VE

SUBJ: LST FOR VENEZUELA

REF TOKYO 5736 DTG 100425 Z MAY 73 (NOTAL)

1. FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 18 THAT IT HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GOJ EMBASSY CARACAS STATING THAT VENEZUELAN NAVY PLANS ACQUIRE LST 1161 (MT. VERNON) PRESENTLY IN JAPAN. MESSAGE SAID VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL SEND 45 MAN CREW TO JAPAN SOON TO BEING BACK SHIP, PROVIDED GOJ CONCURS IN SHIP TRANSFER IN JAPAN.

2. FONOFF SAID GOJ ATTITUDE CONTINUES TO BE NEGATIVE RE FUTURE SHIP TRANSFERS TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN JAPAN BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS UNDER SOFA AND GOJ DEFENSE LAW (SEE REFTTEL), BUT THAT GOJSOULD GIVE CAREFUL STUDY TO MATTER BEFORE RESPONDING VIA ITS EMBASSY IN CARACAS. (FYI: OUR PRESENT READING IS THAT GOJ APPEARS MORE WILLING IN THIS INSTANCE TO SEEK SOME MEANS TO ACCOMMODATE
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THE VENEZUELAN THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH LST TRANSFERS
TO CHILE LAST FEBRUARY AND PRESENTLY TO TURKEY. AS
EXPRESSED BY FONOFF, GOJ APPRECIATES BEING CONSULTED
ON MATTERS LIKE THIS RATHER THAN BEING CONFRONTED WITH
FAITS ACCOMPLIS. END FYI.)

3. WE WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

4. FONOFF UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE ARE TWO OR THREE
CREWLESS LST'S REMAINING IN JAPANESE PORTS. FONOFF
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THIS IS THE CASE, AND IF SO,
HOW USN INTENDS TO DISPOSE OF THEM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO PARA 4.
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